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July 9, 1999

Lucy J. Denny, Reports Analyst Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Lucy Denny:

Enclosed you should find:

- A letter sent to your attention, dated February 3, from former ACPAC Treasurer Paul Williams explaining contributions to Senator Alphonse D'Amato's general reelection campaign. I assume this problem has been cleared up since I have not received any further correspondence on the matter. If a problem still exists, please contact me immediately at (612) 928-8000 ext.105.
- An amended report covering November 24, 1998 to December 31, 1998. Mr.
 Williams informed me of the S379.03 discrepancy in ACPAC's prior FEC reports
 (see page 3 of the February 3 letter.) The attached amended report reflects the correct
 totals and coincides with ACPAC's January 1, 1999 to June 30, 1999 report.
- 3. January 1, 1999 to June 30, 1999 Mid-Year Report.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me at (612) 928-8000 ext. 105.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Martin ACPAC Treasurer



February 3, 1999

Lucy J. Denny Reports Analyst Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Lucy Denny:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of January 20, 1999 regarding possible excessive contributions made to Sen. Alphonse D' Amato's general re-election campaign by the American Collectors Association political action committee. As we discussed on the phone last week, I-believe that the discrepancy was the result of typographical errors and a misunderstanding of the tallying regulations for candidate contributions.

When I started serving as ACPAC treasurer a few years ago, I was under the impression that campaign disbursements for re-election campaigns can be designated on the FEC report as being for re-election campaign, without specifying whether such a designation should be tallied for a general or primary election. Such a designation would be the same as tallying the check to the nearest election. As I have since learned, this "shorthand" policy only leads to confusion as to how the check should be tallied. This was not a problem in the past, as ACPAC rarely contributed more than \$4,000 to any one candidate, but the possibility of confusion over how to tally contributions will certainly increase as ACPAC continues to grow. Fortunately, we have just purchased a Capitol Hill PAC software program which forces the preparer of the FBC reports to designate whether a contribution is for a general or primary election. The software also flags any violation of campaign laws before a report is filed or a disbursement check is written. I believe that this system will help reduce the typographical errors that have occasionally occurred during our former system of writing all reports in long-hand and then typing up the reports. With this background in place, I believe I can discuss all contributions made to Sen, Alphonse D' Amato over the past five years and answer the questions you raised in your inquiry.

ACPAC's first contribution to Sen. Alphonse D' Amato during the past five years occurred
on February 23, 1993. The contribution was made for \$1,000 and was designated on the
check for the "1992 elections." A similar designation was made on the FEC report.
Consequently, this contribution did not count for the 1998 election totals.

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- 2. The first contribution for Sen. D'Amato's 1998 re-election was made on May 11, 1994. The check was for \$1,000 and the contribution on the check was designated as 1998 re-election and the designation on the FEC report was listed as re-election. It should be tallied to the primary election, leaving a total of \$1,000 tallied to the primary election at that time.
- 3. The next disbursement to his campaign was made on June 27, 1995 for \$1,000. The designation on the check was for the 1998 re-election and was marked on the FEC report as other: 1998 re-election. This should be taillied to the primary election, leaving a total of \$2,000 tallied to the primary election at that time.
- 4. On November 30, 1995, a contribution of \$2,000 was made to Sen. D'Amato's campaign. This time, however, the contribution was tallied to the general election, leaving a total of \$2,000 tallied to the primary election and \$2,000 to the general election at that time.
- 5. On April 26, 1996, a contribution of \$1,000 was made to Sen. D'Amato's re-election campaign. The check was designated to the "re-election campaign," but unfortunately was designated as a "general election" on the FEC report, instead of the primary election designation. (A corrected report is enclosed.) This leaves a total of \$3,000 designated for the primary election and \$2,000 for the general election at that time.
- 6. The next contribution occurred on November 27, 1996 for \$1,000. This contribution should be talkied as a primary election, but was talkied on the FEC report as a general election. (A corrected report is enclosed.) This leaves a total of \$4,000 designated for the primary election and \$2,000 for the general election at that time.
- 7. The next disbursement date was April 8, 1998 for a contribution of \$1,000. The contribution was designated on the check as being for the 1998 Primary Election, but was listed on the FEC report as being for the 1998 General Election. (A corrected report is enclosed.). This leaves a total of \$5,000 designated for the primary election and \$2,000 for the general election.)
- 8. The final contribution was made on July 22, 1998 for \$3,000. The designation on the check was for the 1998 General Re-election and it was correctly tallied on the FEC report for the general election. This leaves a total contribution of \$5,000 for the primary election and \$5,000 for the general election.

Shortly after the July 22, 1998 check was received by the D'Amato fundraising committee, their treasurer contacted me with questions about how the disbursements should be tallied since I did not explicitly indicate how the checks should be tallied on two letters to her. I explained

how the contributions should be tallied. I presumed that everything made sense since I did not hear again from the campaign.

If at this time, you believe that I should notify the recipient and request a refund, I would certainly be glad to do so. (In the meantime, I have sent the campaign treasurer a letter explaining how the contributions should be re-tallied. (See attachment.)

First, effectively immediately, Joe Martin will be the new ACPAC treasurer and all correspondence should be directed to him.

The second issue relates to the previous statement. When I became ACPAC treasurer in 1994, I was informed that there was a discrepancy of \$379.03 between the amount reported to the FEC and the actual bank statement. The previous treasurer was unsure where the discrepancy came from and simply instructed me to carry the discrepancy forward as she had done. I should have contacted your office directly at that time, but I simply carried the discrepancy forward. Now that I am leaving as ACPAC treasurer, I would like to resolve this discrepancy as soon as possible for the new treasurer.

After considerable research, I believe I have discovered the origin of the discrepancy. As far as I can tell, this discrepancy was created on November 20, 1987, when Elizabeth Uppman, who served as ACPAC Treasurer at that time, transferred \$18,000 from the ACPAC checking account to a Fidelity U.S. Government Reserve Account which earned interest. On September 14, 1988, the total balance plus interest (\$21, 817.00) was transferred back into the ACPAC checking account. ACPAC then paid federal and state taxes on the interest with a check from the ACPAC campaign contribution fund, but apparently did not disclose the full amount to the FEC report. Consequently, we have consistently reported \$379.03 more to the FEC than what we have in our actual bank account.

ACA's Federal Legislative Consultant Robert Royer discussed this discrepancy with Mr. Richard Ng on February 2 and Mr. Ng suggested that we prepare an updated FEC report with the correct information, and to check with you to see if there are additional paperwork requirements that must be met. Since Bob Royer discussed this issue with Mr. Ng after the 1998 year end FEC report was filed, the report (which you should have already received) does not reflect the discrepancy discussed above. I will wait to hear from you before I file an amended 1998 year end report to ensure that I have completed all the necessary paperwork. This amended report will be filed using our traditional method of typing out the reports, since we cannot use the Capitol Hill PAC software system, until I hear from you on how to handle this discrepancy.

To reduce the possibility of further FEC inquiries or questions, I would appreciate it if you could send any information on upcoming seminars on FEC requirements to Joe Martin, so that he can be fully aware of and compliant with all FEC rules and regulations regarding political action committees.

Thank you for your time and interest in resolving this issue.

Sincerely,

Paul Williams

ACPAC Treasurer

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Other Than An Authorized Committee RECEIVED (Summary Page) FEGERAL ELECTION COMMISSION MAIL ROOS 1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) USE FEC MAILNG LABEL OR TYPE OR PRINT American Collectors Association, Inc./ACPAC kn. 15 | 11 o M '93 ADDRESS (number and street) Check if different than previously reported 4040 West 70th St. 2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00034785 Citty, STATE and ZIP CODE This committee has qualified as a multicandidate. Minneapolis, MN 55435 committee, (see FEC FORM 1M) 4. TYPE OF REPORT (a) April 15 Quarterly Report Monthly Report Due On: Cobber 20 February 20 ☐ June 20 J.k.rly 15 Owenterty Report July 20 ☐ November 20 March 20 December 20 □ April 20 ☐ August 20 October 15 Quarterly Report ☐ May 20 ☐ September 20 ☐ January 31 Twelfth day report preceding ____ X January 31 Year End Report (Type of Election) July 31 Mfd Year Report (Non-election Year Only) ____in the State of ______ Thirtieth day report tollowing the General Election on Ternstration Report _ in the State of ______ XYES NO (b) Is this Report an Amendment? COLUMN A COLUMN B SUMMARY This Period Calendar Year-to-Date Covering Period 11/24/98 hrough 66,614.57 Cash on Hand January 1, 19, 98 6. la) 115,766.36 Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period (D) ŝ S 73,173.00 1,510.00 (¢] Subjetst (add Lines 6(b) and 6(c) for Column A and (d)\$ 139,787.57 117,276.36 Unes 6(a) and 8(c) for Cotumn 8) \$ 22,592.41 81.20 Total Disbursements (from Line 30) 117,195.16 117,195.16 Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d)).... Debts and Obfigations Owed TO the Committee For further information contact: (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D) Federal Election Commission 888 E Simol, NW Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee WasHington, DC 20463 Tdl Free 800-424-9530 I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct Local 202-218-3420 and complete. Type of Print Name of Treasurer Joseph P. Martin Signature of Juessuler 6/23/99 NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. \$437g-

> FEC FORM 3X (revised 9/93)

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS PAGE 2, FEC FORM 3X

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